

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**NATIONAL RAILROAD  
PASSENGER CORP. dba Amtrak and  
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**MS CONTRACTING, LLC,**

**Defendant.**

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**CASE NO. 2:22-CV-00037-HEA**

**PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME ON HEARING**

Plaintiffs oppose Defendant's motion requesting an expedited hearing on Defendant's Motion to Stay Litigation Proceedings (Docs. 15 and 16). Defendant's motion cites Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 and E.D.Mo. L.R. 1.05 as the bases for the relief Defendant seeks. However, both rules require "good cause" for the Court to shorten time limits. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(c)(1)(C); E.D.Mo. L.R. 1.05. Given that the Court granted Defendant an additional 30 days to file an Answer (Doc. 20), "good cause" no longer exists for an expedited hearing on Defendant's motion to stay. Defendant's motion to stay raises a significant issue, and Plaintiffs require the full extent of their briefing timeline to consider and appropriately respond. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court deny Defendant's Motion to Shorten Time on Hearing (Doc. 16).

Respectfully submitted,

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